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1. THERE FOLLOWS FURTHER GUIDANCE WITH REGARD TO DRAFT NATO DECLARATION, BASED UPON REFTEL REPORT, FOR YOUR USE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH UK DELEGATION IN FURTHER NAC/SPC DISCUSSIONS:

PARA 1: NO FURTHER GUIDANCE.

PARA 2: WE CONTINUE TO PREFER FORMULATION "POLICY" OR "POLICIES OF DETENTE" RATHER THAN "DETENTE" IN FIRST SENTENCE.

PARA 3: BEGIN FYI. UK FORMULATION, AS AMENDED BY NORWAY, "THE COMMON AIM IS TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF ANY CONFLICT, WHICH COULD ENDANGER THE INDEPENDENCE OR INTEGRITY OF ANY ALLY AND SO AFFECT THE INTERESTS AND SECURITY OF ALL," IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN OUR VIEW, BUT SECRET

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WE WISH TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF FURTHER SPC DISCUSSION

BEFORE PROVIDING FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR YOUR USE IN NAC/SPC. END FYI.

PARA 4: REGARDING FRENCH REFORMULATION, THE WORDS "AND

GRAVITY OF," IN THE PHRASE "THE NATURE AND GRAVITY OF THE DANGER TO WHICH THEY ARE EXPOSED HAVE CHANGED," COULD SUGGEST THAT THE SITUATION OF THE ALLIES HAS WORSENED UNDER CONDITIONS OF NEAR STRATEGIC EQUILIBRIUM. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS TO BE THE CASE. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD SEEK DELETION OF "AND GRAVITY OF" FROM THE TEXT, WHICH IS OTHERWISE ACCEPTABLE.

PARAS 5, 6, 7: NO FURTHER GUIDANCE.

PARA 8: WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE WHEN RESULTS OF UK-FRENCH CONSULTATIONS ARE CLEARER.

2. REGARDING FRENCH POSITION ON PARA 11 REPORTED USNATO 3036 (NOTAL), WE ARE CONSIDERING BELGIAN FORMULATION PROVIDED USNATO 2984, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER REPORT YOU CAN PROVIDE ON FRENCH VIEWS, TOGETHER WITH INDICATIONS OF "COSMETIC MODIFICATIONS" THAT FRENCH HAVE IN MIND. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE REPORT OF PECK'S VIEWS ON BELGIAN FORMULATION, TOGETHER WITH HIS REACTION TO FRENCH POSITION INDICATED USNATO 3036.

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